

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.:	10/526,947	§	Confirmation No.:	7561
Applicant:	Lionel J. Milberger	§	TC/A.U.:	3679
Filed:	03/08/2005	§	Examiner:	Jay R. Ripley
Title:	Tie-Back Connection for Subsea Well	§	Docket No.:	DQIP-141

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

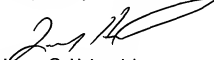
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The Office Action dated April 17, 2008 has been received and duly noted. The Examiner indicated that the reply filed on 08/02/07 is not fully responsive. The undersigned apologizes for the confusion. In the prior response, Applicant intended to elect the species of Figures 1-3. Claims 1-8, 15-18, 20-23, and newly added Claims 25 and 26 are considered to read upon the species of Figures 1-3. The Examiner notes that pending Claim 1 reads on both of the species noted in the Office Action.

In view of the above, early allowance of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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